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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING

Fig. 1 shows a block diagram of the process of the invention.

Fig. 2 shows a block diagram of a preferred process of the invention.

Fig. 3 shows a preferred embodiment of the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 24 on page 6 as follows:

Figure 1 shows a simplified block diagram of the process according to the invention. The stream (a) containing vinyl ether (I) and alcohol (II) to be separated is fed to the first distillation column A via line (1). The bottom product withdrawn is a stream (b) enriched with alcohol (II) via line (2). The azeotrope containing vinyl ether (I) and alcohol (II) which

is withdrawn as a top product is fed via line (3) to the second distillation column B. The vinyl ether (I) (c) is withdrawn from here via line ~~(4)~~ (4a) as a bottom product or via line (4b) as a gaseous sidestream in the stripping section. The azeotrope containing vinyl ether (I) and alcohol (II) which is withdrawn as a top product is recycled via line (5) to the first distillation column A.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 1 on page 7 as follows:

Figure 2 shows a simplified block diagram of this preferred process according to the invention. The stream containing vinyl ether (I) withdrawn as a bottom product or as a gaseous sidestream in the stripping section of the second distillation column is fed via line ~~(4)~~ (4a) or (4b) to the purifying distillation column C. The bottom product withdrawn via line (7) is a stream comprising the higher-boiling secondary components (e). The purified vinyl ether (I) (d) is withdrawn as a top product via line (6).